

RESOLUTION NO. 12-001

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised of the untimely passing of Reverend Harold R. Sellers on September 23, 2011. He was a chaplain to our Police, but in a very real sense, he was a chaplain to our City; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Harold Sellers served as Director of Missions for the Madison Baptist Association for five years after retiring as Director of Missions in Texas. Brother Harold served in the ministry for over 50 years. After retiring as Director of Missions in Texas, he and his wife, Margret, moved to Huntsville, Alabama to be near their grandchildren. He began volunteering as a chaplain at the Madison Baptist Association and very soon found himself again working full-time; and,

WHEREAS, Harold Sellers was born May 25, 1937, to E.M. and Evie Lee Sellers. He finished high school in Moultrie, Georgia. He then went to Business College in Jacksonville, Florida. Later he entered Victoria College in Victoria, Texas. In Victoria he met the love of his life and married Margret Ann Sylvester. His education continued at Houston Baptist University, Houston, Texas and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Houston Campus. He attended many studies including On-Site Bible Lands Studies under the Billy Graham Association and Hebrew University, Jerusalem. Harold was always eager to learn and teach and to help others; and,

WHEREAS, over the years of his career, Harold Sellers was a student pastor, held full-time pastorates, coordinated missions, was Executive Director/Director of Missions in the Coastal Plains Baptist Association in Texas for 18 years, helped plant over 60 churches in the Coastal Plains Baptist Area, had many personal chaplain ministries, served on boards and conducted chaplain training seminars. His work continued in the Huntsville, Alabama area, even after his "Texas" retirement; and,

WHEREAS, outside his duties as Director of Missions, Brother Harold had a heart for his fellow ministers and first responders. He dedicated much of his life supporting police officers as their chaplain in the Rosenberg, Texas and Huntsville, Alabama Police Departments. The Huntsville Police Department's volunteer chaplain force was languishing when Brother Harold moved to Huntsville in 2007. He very soon stepped into the volunteer position of Chaplain Coordinator. As Chaplain Coordinator, he convinced more ministers to make themselves available to serve those who protect the city and also to victims of crimes. Captain Vince Dauro of the Huntsville Police Department stated, "He was always there, willing to do whatever was needed, and when something needed to be done, he just did it." A few days before being diagnosed with leukemia, despite having a fever, Reverend Sellers officiated at the wedding between two police officers. "That just shows how much he meant to us and how much he loved us," said Captain Dauro; and,

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WHEREAS, He wrote and updated daily an international internet prayer line, and as Director of Missions for the Baptist Association, he was called a "Pastor's pastor." Brother Harold loved to preach, and did so most every Sunday at one of the 93 churches in the Madison Association. One of his hopes was to be in the pulpit preaching when Jesus returned; and,

WHEREAS, Harold R. Sellers will be greatly missed and remembered by Margret, his loving wife of more than 50 years, their two children, daughter Londa Hladky and husband John; son, Daryl Scott Sellers and wife, Stephanie; their seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Also, there is a host of family and friends who will fondly remember Brother Harold. A quote from the journal of Texas obituaries written by a friend for Brother Harold stated, "A life that touches others is a life that goes on forever." Reverend Harold Sellers positively touched many, many lives in Alabama, Texas and around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama express special thanks, and salute the awesome career and memories of Reverend Harold R. Sellers for his dedicated service and untiring effort in ministering to our community. He will be missed by his loving family, friends, colleagues and the community at large. Huntsville, Alabama is honored that Reverend Harold R. Sellers lived, worked and ministered in our City.

ADOPTED on this the 12th day of January, 2012.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 12th day of January 12, 2012.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama